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NOTICE OF MEETING

HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE

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Thursday, May 11, 2000
4:00 p.m.

Committee Meeting

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GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

7:00 p.m.
Meeting with Veterans' Associations

Room 233, Hamilton City Hall

Agenda Material to Follow

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AGENDA

CITY OF HAMILTON HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 11, 2000

3:30 p.m.

**Room 233, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton**

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GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

**Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant**

Call to Order – Chairman's Remarks

1. Adoption of Minutes – December 2, 1999

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

3. Correspondence Received

- (a) Correspondence from L. Pasis and M. McElroy Toth re: participation of former Allied ex-service persons in the Decoration Day Service
- (b) Correspondence from D. Spencer, DBS Productions, Toronto, re: Poppy Drop on Remembrance Day

4. Presentation


Dieppe Memorial – Bob Chrystian, Manager of Parks, Public Works and Traffic

5. 2000 Decoration Day Service

Review Decoration Day Planning Agenda

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment



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Thursday, 1999 December 2
4:00 o'clock p.m.
Room 219, City Hall

The Hamilton Veterans Committee met.

There were Present: Frank Caldwell, Chairman
Jack McFarland, Vice-Chairman
Alderman Bernie Morelli
Tom Dean
Bill Eisan
Mike Roach
Lloyd Shephard

Regrets: Alderman Dave Wilson

Also Present: Bob Chrystian, Public Works and Traffic
Carolyn Biggs, Secretary

1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

No Chairman's remarks were made at this time.

2. DELEGATIONS

Dieppe Park

- a) Request from Col. James Forsyth to address the Committee respecting the renaming of the Cenotaph block of Gore Park
- b) Correspondence from R. W. Chrystian, Manager of Parks, respecting Application received for the Renaming of Gore Park to Dieppe Park

Col. James Forsyth indicated that the renaming of the Cenotaph block of Gore Park to Dieppe Park presented an opportunity for a grateful community to honour those who fought in Dieppe, saying that in twenty years' time, Dieppe will have been a forgotten historic event.

Frank Rocchi, the applicant for the renaming of Gore Park, informed the Committee that his suggestion to change the name was not intended to create controversy, nor was it intended to suggest any changes be made to the Cenotaph or the Memorial. In his presentation to the Committee, Mr. Rocchi stated that the recent closing of the Royal Hamilton Military Museum is in indication that the membership and numbers are getting smaller. There is a greater awareness of Remembrance Day now than there has been in the past ten to fifteen years, and now would be an appropriate time to show appreciation for the sacrifice made by the victims of war.

With the exception of one member, the members of the Veterans Committee, were not in favour of changing the name of Gore Park.

Rather, it was suggested that plaques could be put in place commemorating all branches of service.

Mr. Rocchi indicated that he has been approached by charitable organizations with respect to funding plaques to all units in the Service who served from the Hamilton area.

- c) Information Report to the Parks and Recreation Committee respecting Application received for the Renaming of Gore Park to Dieppe Park

Bob Chrystian, Manager of Parks, Public Works and Traffic Department, expressed the view that there are a number of people who have an affection for Gore Park, being the only name they may know it by. He advised that the City has a policy for the naming of parks, and that it should be the same for the re-naming of parks. The procedure is that the Parks Staff Advisory Committee reviews the original application, and depending upon the site that is being named or renamed, the Committee would solicit input from affected groups. Following receipt of any comments, the Committee would then take a position, taking into consideration any other relevant information affecting the decision-making process. The Parks Staff Advisory Committee then makes a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Committee, through the appropriate General Manager.

Mr. Rocchi indicated that rather than having his proposal set aside, he would be open to a change of venue, i.e., not necessarily naming a park, but some type of structure or memorial in a different location such as Bayfront or Pier 4 Parks, or a waterfront trail.

(Roach/Shephard)

- a) That the application submitted by Frank Rocchi to rename a portion of Gore Park to Dieppe Park, be denied;
- b) That staff be authorized to work with the Hamilton Veterans Committee and other groups to bring a plan back to the Parks and Recreation Committee that details ways and means by which information and recognition to those who served in the Dieppe conflict is not lost to future generations.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Committee was in receipt of the Minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee for its meeting held on September 23, 1999 and the Minutes with the Veterans Associations on September 23, 1999. These Minutes were adopted as circulated.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Revised Policy Respecting the Activities of the Hamilton Veterans Committee

At the September 23 meeting, the Committee approved recommendations to be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Committee with respect to the revised policy on the activities of the Hamilton Veterans Committee. Prior to the recommendations being presented to the P&R Committee, a change was required in the recommendations dealing with the Cenotaph at Gore Park, and the placing of wreaths.

(Roach/Eisan)

That the revised policy respecting the activities of the Hamilton Veterans Committee, be approved.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Request for comments – Vimy Ridge Day – April 9

Mayor R. Morrow requested comments from the Hamilton Veterans Committee with respect to a request he had received to forward a letter of support to the Honourable Sheila Copps, Minister of Canadian Heritage, declaring Vimy Ridge Day on April 9.

(Roach/Dean)

That Mayor R. Morrow be advised that the Hamilton Veterans Committee supports the declaration of April 9 as Vimy Ridge Day.

Note: The Committee suggested that consideration might be given to August 19 being declared "Dieppe Day".

6. **REVIEW OF 1999 REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICES**

The Committee briefly discussed the success of the 1999 Remembrance Day Parade and Services. However, some of the areas to be reviewed prior to the 2000 Parade and Service include the set up at Gore Park, and the saluting procedure.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS:** None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Taken as read and approved,

Frank Caldwell, Chairman
Hamilton Veterans Committee

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18 February 2000

Mrs. Carolyn Biggs
Secretary
Hamilton Veteran's Committee
Office of The Municipal Clerk
City Hall
71 Main Street West
Hamilton ON
L8P 4Y5

Dear Mrs. Biggs:

Immediately after the Remembrance Day Service on November 11, 1999 I wrote to the Mayor of Hamilton, to The Reverend Aaron Orr and others expressing the concerns of the Hamilton & District Heritage, Immigration & Citizenship Council about the apparent exclusion of former Allied ex-service persons from the Annual Remembrance Parades in Hamilton. (I append a copy of our letter to Rev. Orr for your perusal and further information.)

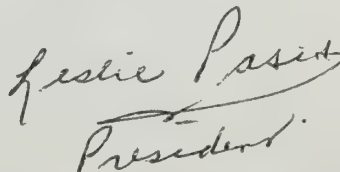
After our correspondence to Rev. Orr he spoke with me and expressed the view that any request for alterations to the roster of participants in the above events should be placed before the United Council of Veterans and The Hamilton Veterans Committee. Rev. Orr also kindly gave me your name and address so that I might contact you personally in this regard.

After some discussion I think that perhaps the Decoration Day date would be the most suitable one for us to consider conducting a memorial service at the Cenotaph in Hamilton. Such a service would reflect the multi-cultural and varied religious backgrounds reflected in the growing community. I refer to First Nations, Jewish, Islamic and other faiths.

As I said to Rev. Orr, we so not wish to "start a war" but would like to meet with you and whoever else you may wish to discuss these matters.

Yours Sincerely,

Leslie Pasis
President
(905) 547 - 7666



May McElroy Toth
Community Liaison
(905) 529 -1907

MAILING ADDRESS

C/O MR. LESLIE PASIS, 29 HUXLEY AVENUE SOUTH, HAMILTON, ONTARIO. L8K 2P5

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November 11, 1999

Mr. Leslie Pasis, President
Mrs. May McElroy Toth, Community Liason
Hamilton & District Heritage, Immigration &
Citizenship Council
29 Huxley Avenue South
Hamilton, ON L8K 2P5

Dear Leslie and May:

I received your letter to the Reverend Arron Orr and should point out that I did have the traffic stopped during the service. It should always have been that way. For whatever silly reason, it was changed a few years back.

I also agree that other non-Christian people should be included and there is certainly a large contingent of Jewish veterans in the City. As for the native reps, I am not sure if they may not be located and be more active on Six Nations in the Brantford area but, if there were some around as well, they should be looked after too.

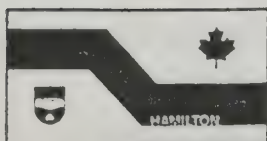
I agree with everything you have said and would hope something can be done about it too.

Yours truly,

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Robert M. Morrow
Mayor
City of Hamilton

Cc Reverend Aaron Orr
Marty Hazell, Traffic Department



HAMILTON & DISTRICT HERITAGE, IMMIGRATION & CITIZENSHIP COUNCIL

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November 4, 1999

Reverend Arron Orr
Veterans Affairs Canada
P.O. Box 2490
Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3J9

Dear Sir:

We would like to talk to you about Remembrance Day activities. May Toth came to Canada from Scotland 35 years ago. Leslie is a third generation Canadian.


Every November 11th, we attend the activities and your service at the Cenotaph. May was a young child living in Glasgow during the Second World War. She feels she owes her life and well-being to those who served. Being at the Cenotaph is our way of giving thanks and showing our thanks. For the past few years. We have had some concerns about the Hamilton activities.


One concern is about the lack of adequate traffic exclusion of the area surrounding the gathering. The noise of cars, buses and trucks during the short service is very distracting. It also suggests a lack of respect and thanks to those who served and those continue to serve. May has written letters to municipal officials in the past. If you can think of anything else we can do, please advise.

Our other concern is a little more delicate. When May was child, she was exposed to service men and women from **many** places. She recalls meeting Canadian sailors. There was a regiment of Indian soldiers a few miles from her home. May, therefore, feels grateful to people from The Commonwealth and beyond.

Apart from those who were not Canadians when they served, there were First Nations. Jewish and other non-Christian people in the Canadian military. We do not see them represented in the Cenotaph activities. We have had concerns for some time about this apparent lack of interfaith and multiculturalism in the activities. The wishes of Canada's veterans is paramount. We do understand that a military cleric serves all servicemen whatever their religion. We have no wish to "start a war"; however, would it be possible to discuss what might be possible and appropriate for November, 2000?

Yours sincerely,


Leslie Pasis
President
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C.C.'s

See Attached List.

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Letter to Reverend Arron Orr
Veterans Affairs Canada

November 4, 1999

c.c.'s

Mayor Robert M. Morrow
Alderman R. Corsini, Ward 2
Alderman A. Horwath, Ward 2
Chief K. Robertson, Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police
Mr. M. Hazell, Manager of Community Traffic Services
Members, Hamilton & District Heritage,
Immigration & Citizenship Council
Mr. Albert Cohen, President, Hamilton Jewish Veterans Legion
Mr. Jack Brown, C.A., Dundas, Ontario
Mr. David Goldberg, Q.C. (R.C.A.F.) – (Commander)
Mr. Irwin Goldberg, (R.C.A.F.) (Commander)
Rabbi Irwin Zeplovitz, Anshe Sholom Temple.
Rabbi Emeritus Bernard Baskin, Anshe Sholom Temple
Jewish National Fund.
Ms. Patricia Eppel, Executive Director, Hamilton Jewish Foundation
Mr. Paul Hanover, Hamilton, Ontario.
Mr. Alec Bukhman, Hamilton, Ontario.
Chief Glen Peace, Hamilton Fire Department.
Mr. Jack Krieger, Hamilton, Ontario.
Mr. Irving Zucker, Hamilton, Ontario.

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- Viajes Dorados de Chihuahua (Mexico)

Ms. Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
Municipal Clerks Office
City of Hamilton

Dear Ms. Biggs,

Further to our telephone conversation, we are producing a television documentary on a Canadian airman's search for his lost crew stationed in England during WWII.

We are currently discussing the idea of reuniting the crew and including them in the Remembrance Day flight of the Mt. Hope Lancaster. We are also discussing with the museum the idea of dropping poppies from the aircraft over Hamilton. The Canadian Legion has expressed an interest in providing us with poppies for the occasion.

How does your committee feel about this idea?

If you have any questions in this regard please contact me at your convenience at (416) 690-8593.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Douglas Spencer
Director, DBS Productions
Toronto, Canada

P.S. I would like to make it clear that we do not represent the Canadian Warplane Historical Museum, we are merely in discussion with them.

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HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE A G E N D A

**Thursday, May 11, 2000
Room 233, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West**

1. Planning for Decoration Day Service - Sunday, June 11, 2000

Service Starting Time	<u>11:00 a.m</u>
Place of Service	<u>Woodland Cemetery – Section 5</u>
Clergy	<u>Reverend Aaron Orr</u>
Transportation	<u>Buses leave City Hall at 10:30 a.m. sharp</u>
Band	<u></u>
Piper	<u></u>
Bugler	<u></u>
U.N. Flag Bearer	<u></u>
Fly Past	<u>Canadian Warplane Heritage</u> <u>(weather permitting)</u>

2. Other Business

3. Adjournment



AGENDA

CITY OF HAMILTON HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE

URBAN MUNICIPAL

Wednesday, August 9, 2000
2:00 p.m.

AUG 08 2000

Room 219, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant

Call to Order – Chairman's Remarks

1. Adoption of Minutes

- 1.1 May 11, 2000 (3:30 p.m.)
- 1.2 May 11, 2000 (7:30 p.m. – with Veterans Associations)
- 1.3 June 7, 2000

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

3. Update re: On-site Tour of Proposed Memorial Park

(Frank Caldwell, Chairman/Bob Chrystian, Bob Chrystian, Manager of Parks, Public Works and Traffic)

4. Correspondence Received

- (a) Request from Mayor R. Morrow, on behalf of Lieut. (Retired) F. Volterman, EM, to appear before the Hamilton Veterans Committee (Correspondence attached)

Note: Lieut. Volterman advised that he would not be able to attend this meeting, but will attend a future meeting.

- (b) Memorandum from R. Zbucki, Manager, Hamilton Municipal Cemeteries re: Replacement of Veteran Aluminum Crosses

- (c) Correspondence from Freda Little, Corresponding Secretary, R.C.A.F.W.D. Association, respecting naming of proposed memorial park

5. Other Business

6. Adjournment



MINUTES

CITY OF HAMILTON Hamilton Veterans Committee

Thursday, May 11, 2000
3:30 p.m.
Room 233, Hamilton City Hall

Present: F. Caldwell (Chairman), J. McFarland, Vice Chairman
Aldermen D. Wilson, B. Morelli
T. Dean, B. Eisan, M. Roach

Absent: L. Shephard

Also Present: B. Chrystian, C. Biggs

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

1. Adoption of Minutes – December 2, 1999

The Committee was in receipt of the Minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee for its meeting held on December 2, 1999, which was adopted as circulated.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

Saluting Procedure

Following a brief discussion on the saluting procedure to be used for Decoration Day and Remembrance Day Services, the Committee agreed that all officers will not salute during "Lament", but will salute during "Last Post" and "Reveille".

It was noted that the Colour Commander be given time to give the proper orders to ensure that this is done appropriately, and that the saluting procedure be highlighted in the Parade Orders.

3. Correspondence Received

- (a) Correspondence from L. Pasis and M. McElroy Toth re: participation of former Allied ex-service persons in the Decoration Day Service

Alderman D. Wilson indicated that he, together with the Committee Secretary, would prepare a response to L. Pasis and M. McElroy, indicating that the Decoration Day and Remembrance Day Services are open to all former Allied ex-service persons, and further addressing the particular concerns outlined in their correspondence. The response will be forwarded under the signature of the Committee Chairman.

- (b) Correspondence from D. Spencer, DBS Productions, Toronto, re: Poppy Drop on Remembrance Day

The Committee Secretary was requested to contact Canadian Warplane Heritage to find out what discussions have taken place with DBS Productions, and will provide this information to the Committee.

4. Presentation

Dieppe Memorial – Bob Chrystian, Manager of Parks, Public Works and Traffic

Bob Chrystian indicated that to date, no work has been done in terms of conceptualizing a Dieppe Memorial as this will vary depending on what site is selected. Mr. Chrystian presented slides of the following locations:

- (a) two sites on the beachfront –one of which is next to Bellcairn, and another which is further to the west.

Both lots are approximately the same size, the only difference being that the Bellcairn site has a hydro tower between the shoreline and the beach front.

- (b) on the waterfront at Pier 4 Park
- (c) far west end of Sam Lawrence Park (Mr. Chrystian advised the Committee that this site was brought to his attention by a private citizen.)

Following discussion, the Committee requested Mr. Chrystian to proceed with developing conceptual drawings on the two sites situated on the beachfront.

5. **2000 Decoration Day Service**

Review Decoration Day Planning Agenda

The Committee discussed arrangements for the June 11 Decoration Day Service, to be further discussed at the 7:00 p.m. meeting

6. **Other Business:** None

7. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Taken as read and approved,

Frank Caldwell, Chairman]
Hamilton Veterans Committee

C. Biggs
Secretary



MINUTES

CITY OF HAMILTON Hamilton Veterans Committee

Thursday, May 11, 2000
7:00 p.m.
Room 233, Hamilton City Hall

Present:	F. Caldwell (Chairman), J. McFarland, Vice Chairman Alderman B. Morelli T. Dean, B. Eisan, M. Roach
Absent:	Alderman D. Wilson, L. Shephard
Also Present:	Jack Wilkinson, Hamilton Naval Veterans Association A. Wheeldon, Veterans Service League H. Willis, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 58 R. A. Fox, Hamilton Signals Association D. Simpson, Royal Canadian Air Force (W.D.) G. Thorne, National Steel Car War Veterans

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

1. Chairman's Remarks

Frank Caldwell, Chairman, called the meeting to order and updated the representatives of the various Hamilton Veterans Associations on the issues discussed by the Committee at its meeting held earlier.

2. Planning for Decoration Day Service – Sunday, June 11, 2000

The following arrangements for the Sunday, June 11, 2000 Decoration Day Service were made:

Time of Service	11:00 a.m.
Place of Service	Woodland Cemetery, Section 5
Clergy	Reverend Aaron Orr
Transportation	Buses Leave City Hall at 10:30 a.m. sharp
Band	HMCS Star
Parade Marshall	Jack McFarland

Piper
Bugler
U.N. Flag Bearer
Fly Past

Bill Eisan to advise
Mike Roach to advise
Unit 26, KVA
Canadian Warplane Heritage
(weather permitting)

A request was put forward that the washroom facilities at City Hall be made available for the Veterans upon their return from the Cemetery. The Committee Secretary advised that she would contact the Facilities Manager on this issue.

3. Other Business

Mr. George Thorne, one of the attendees at the meeting, expressed his dissatisfaction with the policy which prohibits the placement of floral saddles/flowers in the Field of Honour.

The Committee requested that this item be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee, with the Manager of Cemeteries, Rick Zbucki, available to respond to their questions. Additional information would also be provided at that time in terms of possible alternatives.

4. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Taken as read and approved,

Frank Caldwell, Chairman
Hamilton Veterans Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Secretary



MINUTES

CITY OF HAMILTON Hamilton Veterans Committee

Wednesday, June 7, 2000
2:30 p.m.
Room 219, Hamilton City Hall

Present: F. Caldwell (Chairman), J. McFarland, Vice Chairman
Aldermen B. Morelli, B. Eisan, L. Shephard

Absent: Alderman D. Wilson, T. Dean, M. Roach

Also Present: B. Chrystian, R. Zbucki, M. Mastroianni, C. Biggs

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Following the meeting of May 11, 2000, the Hamilton Veterans Committee requested Mr. Chrystian to proceed with developing conceptual drawings on two sites situated on the beachfront for a proposed memorial park. The purpose of this meeting was to receive an update on this matter.

Bob Chrystian summarized the features of the two sites and presented drawings of how the areas could be transformed to resemble the actual site i.e., creating the type of conditions that existed in Dieppe. Also suggested looking at incorporating some type of viewing platform which would overlook the beach. It was his conclusion that the site closer to the canal would be a more suitable location. The Committee was advised that the drawings were put together with the assistance of Marianne Mastroianni, a student in landscape architecture from the University of Guelph, who is currently on a work term in the Culture and Recreation Department.

The cost of construction would be approximately \$250,000 to achieve the environment as illustrated in the drawings (includes structure, breakwall, ramps, etc.). An additional \$30,000 to \$50,000 would be required to accommodate parking/access, memorial plaques, architectural pieces symbolic of war and peace.

Following the presentation and an opportunity for questions, the Committee agreed with the concepts, in principle, and requested that the Secretary arrange a time and date for an on-site tour, and advise the members accordingly. The issue of what the "park" would be named was also discussed briefly.

An invitation was extended to Mr. Chrystian to attend the next meeting of the United Council of Veterans on Thursday, June 15, 2000 to present the plans to the membership to keep them informed of the progress on this matter.

Other Business

At the May 11 meeting, George Thorne expressed his dissatisfaction with the policy which prohibits the placement of floral saddles/flowers in the Field of Honour.

Rick Zbucki, Manager of Cemeteries, investigated this further, and advised the Committee that there is a company that manufactures plastic containers that are buried at ground level, and are available at a cost of \$23.80. J. McFarland suggested that a portion of the cost of the containers could be covered through the Poppy Fund, similar to the rebate for the Veterans' markers.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Taken as read and approved,

Frank Caldwell, Chairman
Hamilton Veterans Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Secretary



April 25, 2000

Dear Chairman and Members of the Veterans Committee:

I forward to you some information sent to me by Lieut. (Retired) Frank B. Volterman, EM about the possibility of a plaque being erected at some place that would be designated a Warrior's Garden and also could include other great battles that have included Hamiltonians over the decades.

I suspect that Mr. Volterman would be the best one to speak to you about what he and General Whittaker have in mind and you might want to contact them directly.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Morrow".

Robert M. Morrow
Mayor
City of Hamilton

RMM:lc





RHLI MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

31 MARCH, 2000

His Worship
Robert M. Morrow
Mayor of Hamilton

Your Worship:

At the request of General Whitaker I agreed to serve on this committee. It was decided at one of our meetings that the City should not be expected to erect local monuments commemorating individual battle sites where the RHLI played a significant role. In response I volunteered to design a plaque commemorating the history of the Regiment from its inception.

My proposed plaque enclosed will not only serve to commemorate but perpetuate the history of Hamilton's most distinguished Regiment for generations to come. You will note it appropriately includes the City's Coat-Of-Arms and your unique caption 'Hamilton Remembers'.

To date written accounts of our history have only been available to serving members, former members and friends of the Regiment who attend a Mess dinner or other military function. With City councils acceptance it can become part of our community heritage for all to see.

I am deeply indebted to Captain Tim Fletcher, our PRO, who with his computer expertise has produced a masterpiece from my original sketch and historical account. Also enclosed are a selection of various monument designs. Our committee selected the free-standing concept for the plaques being dedicated at Woensdrecht, Holland, on May 4, 2000 and at Verrièrs, France on May 7, 2000.

In anticipation of a favourable response, I remain

Yours respectfully,

Lieut. (Retired) Frank B. Volterman, EM
26 Bruce Park Drive
Hamilton, Ontario
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(905) 383-4976

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His Worship
Robert MORROW

the Honourable
Lincoln ALEXANDER

the Honourable
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Mr. Stan KEYES MP
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Enclosures: 6

EARLY HISTORY

The Regiment was gazetted as the XIII Battalion, Volunteer Militia, on December 11th, 1862, and consisted of three companies from two local volunteer battalions. One Highland company was later to become the nucleus of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada. In 1900 it became the XIII Regiment. Subsequent name changes included the XIII Royal Regiment (1907); the Royal Hamilton Regiment (1920); the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (1927); and in 1936, after amalgamation with the 77th (Wentworth) Regiment from Dundas, it became the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (Wentworth Regiment), the name it bears today. Its first action was the Battle of Ridgeway in 1866 against Fenian invaders. Several members of the Regiment served with two Canadian battalions in South Africa during the Boer War, 1899-1902, resulting in the first battle honour.

FIRST WORLD WAR 1914-18

Many members of the RHLI enlisted in units of the Canadian Expeditionary Force for service overseas, including the 4th, 86th, 120th, 129th and 205th battalions. The RHLI (WR) perpetuates their battle honours today. Sgt. William Merriefield, VC, MM, was awarded his Victoria Cross while serving with the "Mad 4th" at Abancourt Oct 1st, 1918.

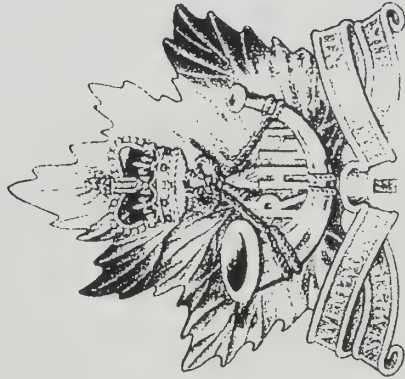
SECOND WORLD WAR 1939-45

582 "Rileys" took part in the disastrous raid on Dieppe, Aug 19th, 1942. 211 were safely evacuated from the shingle beach, 174 survived as POWs and 197 were killed.



We, the citizens of Hamilton proudly commemorate the illustrious history of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (Wentworth Regiment) and are confident the Regiment will continue to serve our community in the new millenium, ever responding to its motto, Semper Paratus.

Unveiled and Dedicated the of 2000



The Padre, Hon. Capt. John Weir Foote, VC, won his Victoria Cross for his conduct that day and later administering to the POWs. The armoury on James St. is named in his memory. During the Northwest Europe campaigns, the RHLI earned the distinction of never surrendering an objective once gained. The Regiment suffered 575 fatalities. 57 of them are missing in action and presumed dead. The rest are buried in 25 separate cemeteries. Names of the MIAs are etched in marble at Brookwood Memorial Garden in Woking, England, the fortunes of war having denied them an honoured grave.

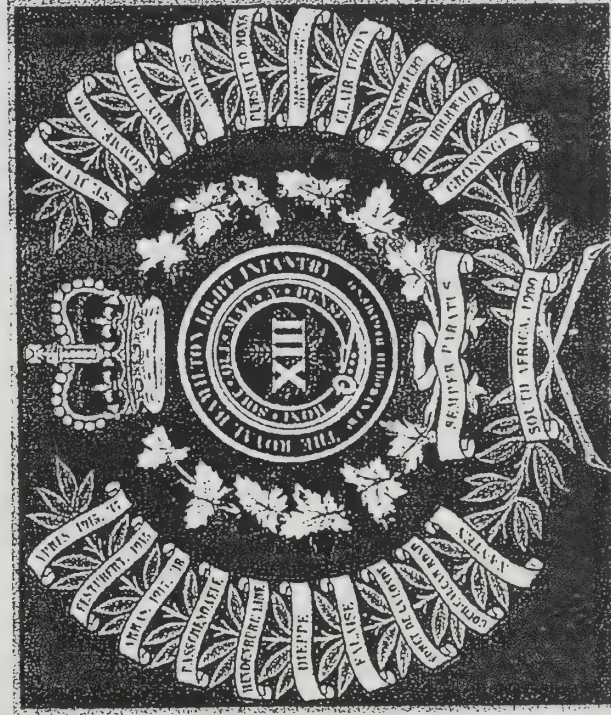
POST WW II COMMITMENTS

Many of the Regiment's WW II veterans volunteered for the Korean conflict when it broke out. In 1955, "B" Company served with the 27th Brigade with NATO in West Germany. In the 1990s, Rileys have served on UN and NATO operations in the Former Republic of Yugoslavia.

PEACETIME OPERATIONS

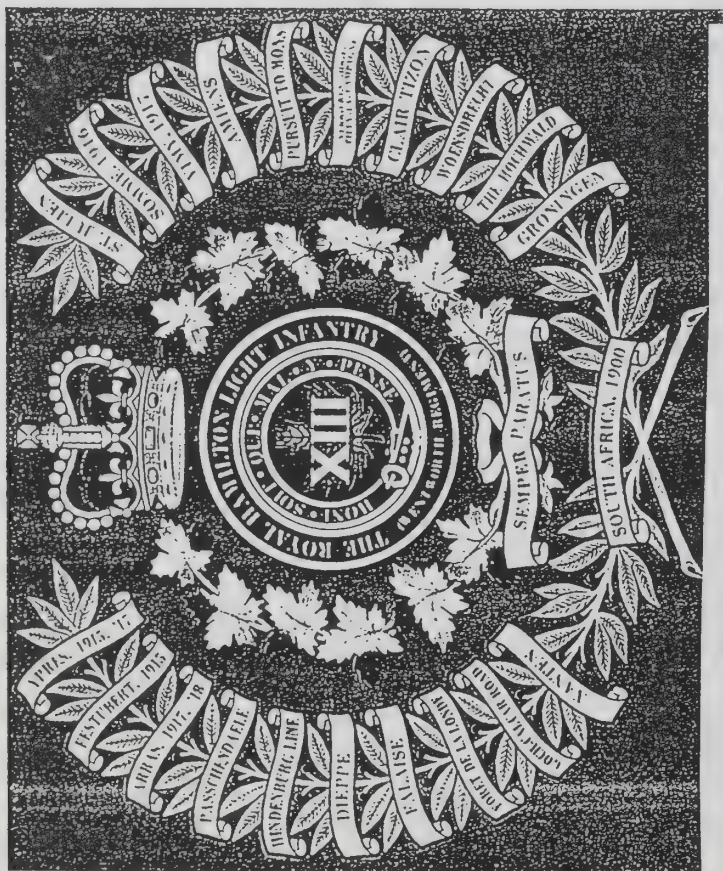
The Regiment sent a contingent to Manitoba when the Red River flooded in 1997. In Jan-Feb 1998, the Regiment sent over 60 soldiers to assist with OP RECUPERATION during the giant ice storm in eastern Ontario, and was on standby for OP ABACUS for Y2K emergencies.

A total of 39 battle honours have been awarded by a grateful nation to the RHLI, 21 of which are emblazoned on the Regiment's colours. In the new millenium, the RHLI will continue to serve its community and nation in response to its motto, "Semper Paratus"—"Always Ready."



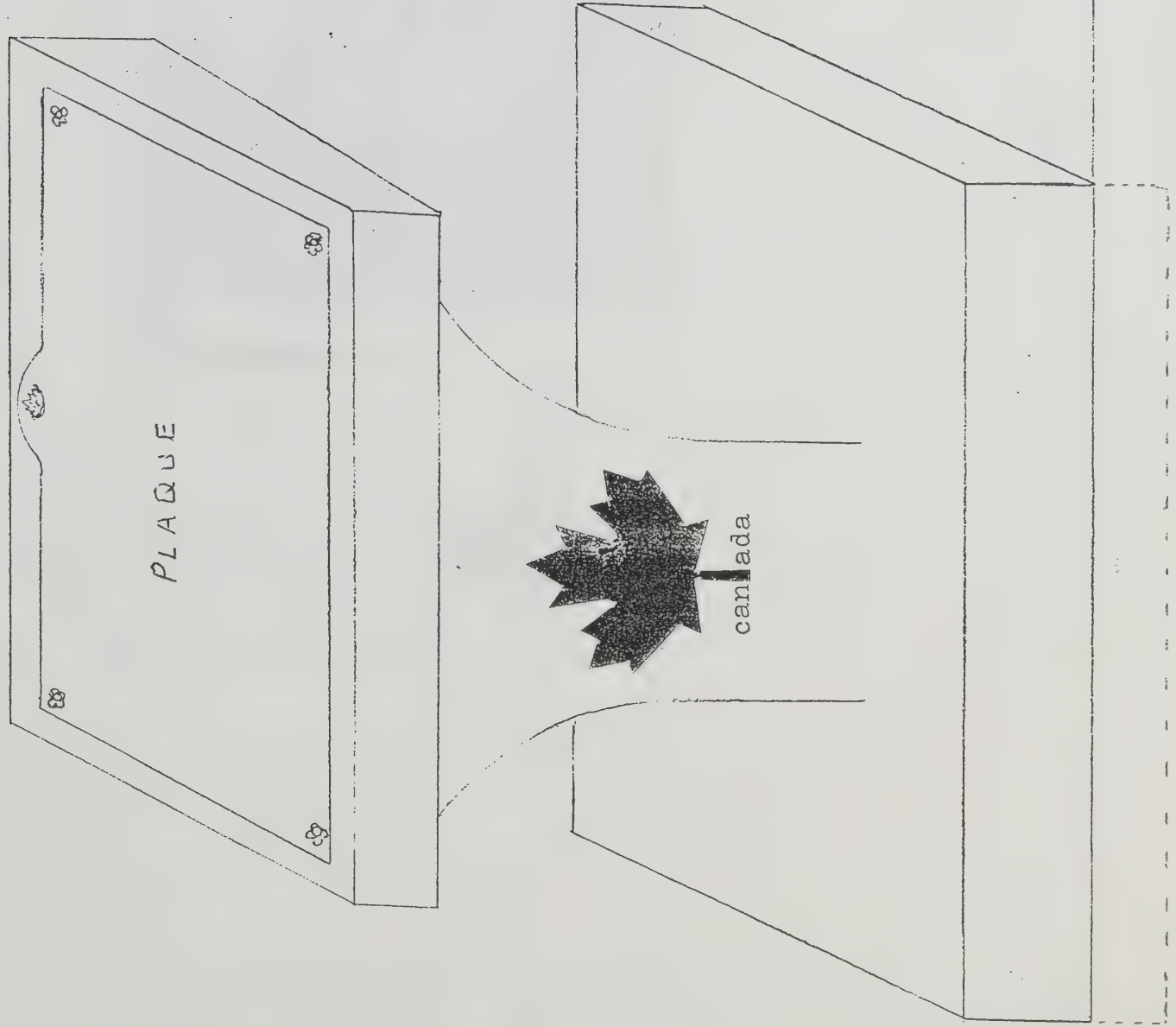
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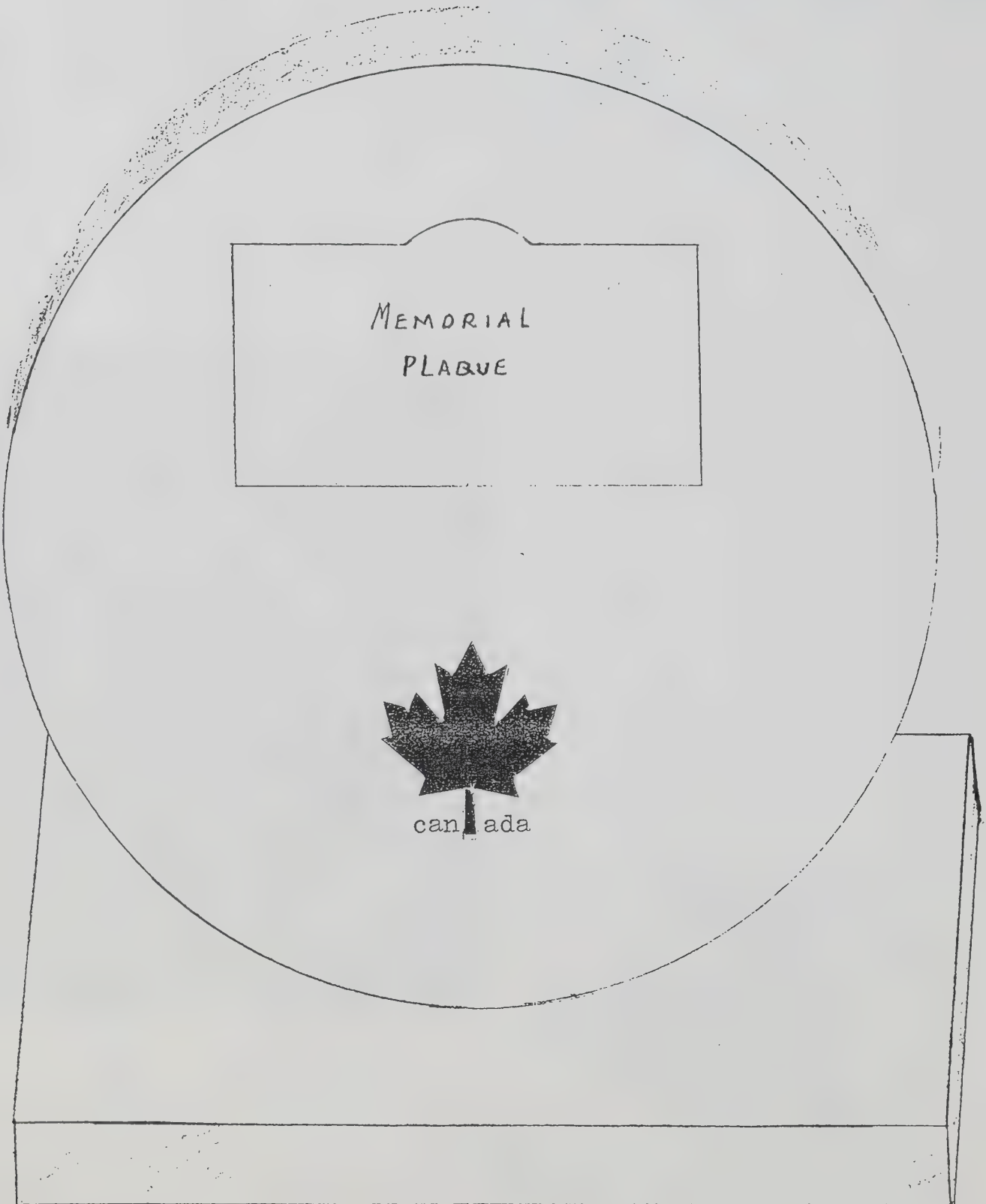
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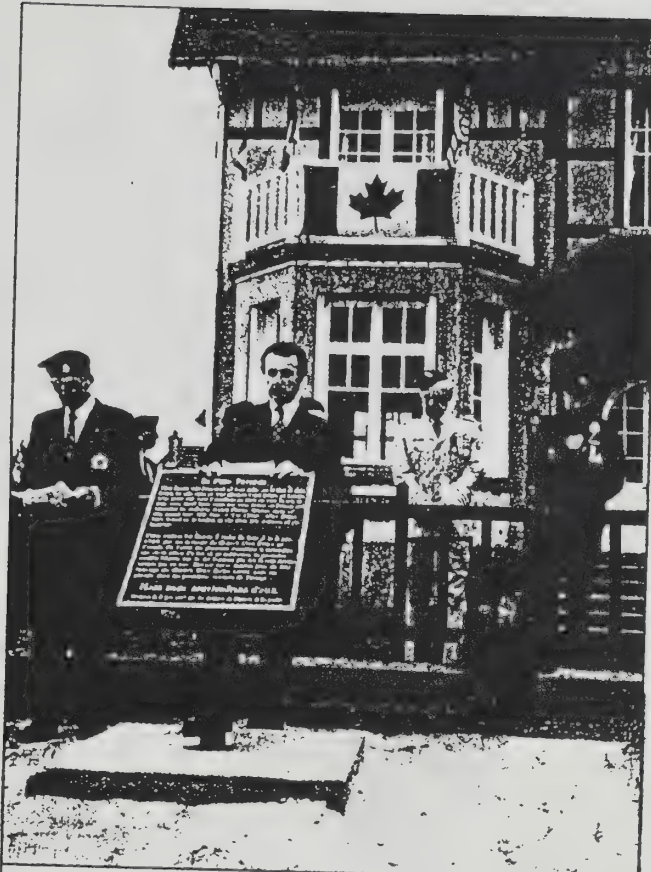




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The official dedication of the Maison de Queen's
Own, June 6th 1997.

Photo by: Mrs Brand

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F.B.V.

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31 March 2000

Bob:

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Now in my 83rd year this was to be my last volunteer effort for the Regiment, and Davis determined to reach my goal. At your convenience I would like to provide you more detail and answer any questions you would like answered.

Regards, Frank

Robert:

The following possible ammendments are only being considered should space permit. If so decided, will provide you with a computer print-out.

(1) Right hand column:

Consider deleting last para
"A total of 39 battle...."

And amend as follows;

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth
appointed H.R.H. The Prince
Philip, Colonel-in- Chief
the RHLI(WR), as of July 1978. 39 battle honours
have been awarded by a
grateful nation. 21 are
emblazoned on the Regiment
colours.

* (2) "We the citizens of Hamilton..." (Bottom of plaque)

Amend end of sentence to read:

"...will continue to serve our community and nation
in the new millennium, ever responding to its motto,
"Semper Paratus"- "Always Ready".

(Correction and added wording underlined)

* Personal suggestion only. City Council to
provide own wording to this effect.

R.B.V olterman

7/11/00

P.S. Background of plaque to be coloured Hunter Green.

Memo

TO: Carolyn Biggs, Secretary
Hamilton Veterans Committee

FROM: Rick Zbucki, Manager
Hamilton Municipal Cemeteries

DATE: May 30, 2000

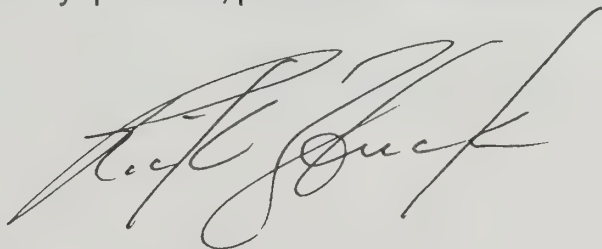
SUBJECT: Replacement of Veteran Aluminum Crosses

Enclosed is a copy of a quote I received from Johnson Matthey for the replacement of Aluminum crosses. As you will see, these items are quite expensive and there are no guarantees for breakage or loss.

Perhaps this item should be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Veterans Committee. Please let me know the particulars of the next meeting so that I may attend and address any concerns members may have.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

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Johnson Matthey

Precision Castings Division

Quote #102

May 26, 2000

Mr. Rick Zbucki,
Hamilton Municipal Cemeteries,
777 York Blvd.
Hamilton, Ontario
L8R 2A4

Dear Rick;

Further to our meeting last week, we take pleasure in quoting on your Veteran Aluminum Crosses as follows.

Veteran Aluminum Cross (17-1/2" wide x 40" high x 3/8" thick aluminum)

In an order qty. of 1 pc. -----	\$520.00
In an order qty. of 5 pcs. -----	\$305.00 each

Please allow 8 weeks for delivery.

Prices quoted are F.O.B. St. Catharines, all taxes extra.

This quotation is valid for 60 days. Payment terms are net 30 days.

We trust the foregoing is of interest to you and we look forward to your valued purchase order.

We are,

Yours very truly,

JOHNSON MATTHEY LIMITED


K. Neureuther

General Manager

Precision Castings Division

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Johnson Matthey Limited

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July 11/00.

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Chairman, Mr Frank Caldwell.
Hamilton Veterans Committee,
City Hall.
Hamilton, Ont.

Dear Sir:

It has come to our attention that a park is to be named in honour of servicemen killed in WW II.

Dieppe Park has been suggested but we feel strongly that would not honour all service men & women who gave their lives.

Our suggestion would be Veterans Park and a plaque, listing all the battles in which they fought & died, suitably placed.

We hope you will take our concerns under consideration.

Yours respectfully,
Freda Little.

(Corresponding Secretary)

Please address any reply to our President.

Dorothy Simpson,
1324 Nevada Dr.,
Burlington, Ont.
L7R 3X5



AGENDA

CITY OF HAMILTON HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 11, 2000
4:00 p.m.

Room 233, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

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GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant

Call to Order – Chairman's Remarks

1. Adoption of Minutes

- 1.1 May 11, 2000 (3:30 p.m.)
- 1.2 May 11, 2000 (7:30 p.m. – with Veterans Associations)
- 1.3 June 7, 2000
- 1.4 August 9, 2000

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

3. Update re: Proposed Memorial Park

4. 2000 Remembrance Day Parade and Service

- 4.1 Review of Remembrance Day Planning Agenda
- 4.2 Recitation of "In Flanders Fields" – George Roach

5. Correspondence Received

- (a) Letter of Thanks from Ruby Roach and Family
- (b) Request from Mayor R. Morrow, on behalf of Lieut. (Retired) F. Volterman, EM, to appear before the Hamilton Veterans Committee (Correspondence attached)
- (c) Memorandum from R. Zbucki, Manager, Hamilton Municipal Cemeteries re: Replacement of Veteran Aluminum Crosses
- (d) Correspondence from Freda Little, Corresponding Secretary, R.C.A.F.W.D. Association, respecting naming of proposed memorial park

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment

NOTE: The Committee will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. for a Dinner Planning Meeting and will reconvene at 7:00 p.m. in Room 233, city Hall, to meet with representatives of the Hamilton and area Veterans Associations to formulate plans for the 2000 Remembrance day Parade and Service.



MINUTES

CITY OF HAMILTON Hamilton Veterans Committee

Thursday, May 11, 2000
3:30 p.m.
Room 233, Hamilton City Hall

Present: F. Caldwell (Chairman), J. McFarland, Vice Chairman
Aldermen D. Wilson, B. Morelli
T. Dean, B. Eisan, M. Roach

Absent: L. Shephard

Also Present: B. Chrystian, C. Biggs

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

1. Adoption of Minutes – December 2, 1999

The Committee was in receipt of the Minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee for its meeting held on December 2, 1999, which was adopted as circulated.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

Saluting Procedure

Following a brief discussion on the saluting procedure to be used for Decoration Day and Remembrance Day Services, the Committee agreed that all officers will not salute during "Lament", but will salute during "Last Post" and "Reveille".

It was noted that the Colour Commander be given time to give the proper orders to ensure that this is done appropriately, and that the saluting procedure be highlighted in the Parade Orders.

3. Correspondence Received

- (a) Correspondence from L. Pasis and M. McElroy Toth re: participation of former Allied ex-service persons in the Decoration Day Service

Alderman D. Wilson indicated that he, together with the Committee Secretary, would prepare a response to L. Pasis and M. McElroy, indicating that the Decoration Day and Remembrance Day Services are open to all former Allied ex-service persons, and further addressing the particular concerns outlined in their correspondence. The response will be forwarded under the signature of the Committee Chairman.

- (b) Correspondence from D. Spencer, DBS Productions, Toronto, re: Poppy Drop on Remembrance Day

The Committee Secretary was requested to contact Canadian Warplane Heritage to find out what discussions have taken place with DBS Productions, and will provide this information to the Committee.

4. Presentation

Dieppe Memorial – Bob Chrystian, Manager of Parks, Public Works and Traffic

Bob Chrystian indicated that to date, no work has been done in terms of conceptualizing a Dieppe Memorial as this will vary depending on what site is selected. Mr. Chrystian presented slides of the following locations:

- (a) two sites on the beachfront –one of which is next to Bellcairn, and another which is further to the west.

Both lots are approximately the same size, the only difference being that the Bellcairn site has a hydro tower between the shoreline and the beach front.

- (b) on the waterfront at Pier 4 Park
- (c) far west end of Sam Lawrence Park (Mr. Chrystian advised the Committee that this site was brought to his attention by a private citizen.)

Following discussion, the Committee requested Mr. Chrystian to proceed with developing conceptual drawings on the two sites situated on the beachfront.

5. 2000 Decoration Day Service

Review Decoration Day Planning Agenda

The Committee discussed arrangements for the June 11 Decoration Day Service, to be further discussed at the 7:00 p.m. meeting

6. Other Business: None

7. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Taken as read and approved,

Frank Caldwell, Chairman]
Hamilton Veterans Committee

C. Biggs
Secretary



MINUTES

CITY OF HAMILTON Hamilton Veterans Committee

Thursday, May 11, 2000
7:00 p.m.
Room 233, Hamilton City Hall

Present: F. Caldwell (Chairman), J. McFarland, Vice Chairman
Alderman B. Morelli
T. Dean, B. Eisan, M. Roach

Absent: Alderman D. Wilson, L. Shephard

Also Present: Jack Wilkinson, Hamilton Naval Veterans Association
A. Wheeldon, Veterans Service League
H. Willis, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 58
R. A. Fox, Hamilton Signals Association
D. Simpson, Royal Canadian Air Force (W.D.)
G. Thorne, National Steel Car War Veterans

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

1. Chairman's Remarks

Frank Caldwell, Chairman, called the meeting to order and updated the representatives of the various Hamilton Veterans Associations on the issues discussed by the Committee at its meeting held earlier.

2. Planning for Decoration Day Service – Sunday, June 11, 2000

The following arrangements for the Sunday, June 11, 2000 Decoration Day Service were made:

Time of Service	11:00 a.m.
Place of Service	Woodland Cemetery, Section 5
Clergy	Reverend Aaron Orr
Transportation	Buses Leave City Hall at 10:30 a.m. sharp
Band	HMCS Star
Parade Marshall	Jack McFarland

Piper
Bugler
U.N. Flag Bearer
Fly Past

Bill Eisan to advise
Mike Roach to advise
Unit 26, KVA
Canadian Warplane Heritage
(weather permitting)

A request was put forward that the washroom facilities at City Hall be made available for the Veterans upon their return from the Cemetery. The Committee Secretary advised that she would contact the Facilities Manager on this issue.

3. Other Business

Mr. George Thorne, one of the attendees at the meeting, expressed his dissatisfaction with the policy which prohibits the placement of floral saddles/flowers in the Field of Honour.

The Committee requested that this item be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Hamilton Veterans Committee, with the Manager of Cemeteries, Rick Zbucki, available to respond to their questions. Additional information would also be provided at that time in terms of possible alternatives.

4. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Taken as read and approved,

Frank Caldwell, Chairman
Hamilton Veterans Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Secretary



MINUTES

CITY OF HAMILTON Hamilton Veterans Committee

Wednesday, June 7, 2000
2:30 p.m.
Room 219, Hamilton City Hall

Present: F. Caldwell (Chairman), J. McFarland, Vice Chairman
Aldermen B. Morelli, B. Eisan, L. Shephard

Absent: Alderman D. Wilson, T. Dean, M. Roach

Also Present: B. Chrystian, R. Zbucki, M. Mastroianni, C. Biggs

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Following the meeting of May 11, 2000, the Hamilton Veterans Committee requested Mr. Chrystian to proceed with developing conceptual drawings on two sites situated on the beachfront for a proposed memorial park. The purpose of this meeting was to receive an update on this matter.

Bob Chrystian summarized the features of the two sites and presented drawings of how the areas could be transformed to resemble the actual site i.e., creating the type of conditions that existed in Dieppe. Also suggested looking at incorporating some type of viewing platform which would overlook the beach. It was his conclusion that the site closer to the canal would be a more suitable location. The Committee was advised that the drawings were put together with the assistance of Marianne Mastroianni, a student in landscape architecture from the University of Guelph, who is currently on a work term in the Culture and Recreation Department.

The cost of construction would be approximately \$250,000 to achieve the environment as illustrated in the drawings (includes structure, breakwall, ramps, etc.). An additional \$30,000 to \$50,000 would be required to accommodate parking/access, memorial plaques, architectural pieces symbolic of war and peace.

Following the presentation and an opportunity for questions, the Committee agreed with the concepts, in principle, and requested that the Secretary arrange a time and date for an on-site tour, and advise the members accordingly. The issue of what the "park" would be named was also discussed briefly.

An invitation was extended to Mr. Chrystian to attend the next meeting of the United Council of Veterans on Thursday, June 15, 2000 to present the plans to the membership to keep them informed of the progress on this matter.

Other Business

At the May 11 meeting, George Thorne expressed his dissatisfaction with the policy which prohibits the placement of floral saddles/flowers in the Field of Honour.

Rick Zbucki, Manager of Cemeteries, investigated this further, and advised the Committee that there is a company that manufactures plastic containers that are buried at ground level, and are available at a cost of \$23.80. J. McFarland suggested that a portion of the cost of the containers could be covered through the Poppy Fund, similar to the rebate for the Veterans' markers.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Taken as read and approved,

Frank Caldwell, Chairman
Hamilton Veterans Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Secretary



MINUTES

CITY OF HAMILTON

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Wednesday, August 9, 2000
2:00 p.m.
Room 219, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant

Present: F. Caldwell (Chairman), J. McFarland, Vice Chairman
B. Eisan

Absent: Aldermen B. Morelli, D. Wilson
T. Dean, M. Roach, L. Shephard

Also Present: B. Chrystian, R. Zbucki, C. Biggs

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Thirty minutes after the appointed time for the meeting, a quorum was not in attendance. The Secretary of the Committee recorded the names of those in attendance and the meeting stood adjourned.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Taken as read and approved,

Frank Caldwell, Chairman
Hamilton Veterans Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Secretary

A G E N D A

1. REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2000

Parade Starting Time	<u>10:15 a.m.</u>
Parade Formation	<u>Old Armouries (signs will be provided)</u>
Order of March	<u>Attached as Appendix "A"</u>
Parade Route	<u>South on James Street to King Street and East on King Street to the Cenotaph (Veterans on South side and Militia on North side of King Street)</u>
Place of Service	<u>Cenotaph – Gore Park</u>
Time of Service	<u>10:45 a.m. - sharp</u>
Clergy	<u>Reverend Aaron Orr</u>
Band	<u>HMCS Star</u>
Parade Commander	_____
Parade Marshall	_____
Colour Marshall	_____
Saluting Officer	<u>Colonel James Forsyth, OStJ, CD, CA</u>
Gun Crew	<u>Hamilton Militia District</u>
Honour Guard	<u>Hamilton Militia District</u>
Piper	<u>Hamilton Militia District</u>
Bugler	<u>Hamilton Militia District</u>
Veteran Accompanying Saluting Officer	_____
U.N. Flag Bearer	_____
Person in Charge of Wreath Bearers	_____
Choir	_____
Dismissal	<u>John and Rebecca Streets - Veterans</u> <u>Hughson Street to the Armouries - Militia</u>
Fly Past	<u>Canadian Warplane Heritage (weather permitting)</u>

2. OTHER BUSINESS

3. ADJOURNMENT

APPENDIX "A"

Section No. 1

Hamilton Police War Veterans Association
Canadian Corps - Unit 57 - R.H.L.I. Association
War Amputations Association of Canada
Polish Combatants Association - Branch 23
American Legion Post 18
Polish Army War Veterans Association of America - Post 163
Veterans Service League
Canadian Vietnam Veterans of Hamilton

Section No. 2

British Imperial Veterans' Association
R.C.A.F. Association (Krakow Wing) Hamilton
R.C.A.F. Association 447 Wing
R.C.A.F. W.D. Association
Stelco War Veterans' Association
4th Canadian Infantry Veterans
Hamilton Firefighters War Veterans Association
Knight's of Columbus Veterans

Section No. 3

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Veterans Association
Her Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans
Dominion Foundries & Steel War Veterans Association
Canadian Corps. of Commissionaires
Hamilton Municipal Employee War Veterans Association
National Steel Car Veterans Association
Hamilton Naval Veterans Association
Burlington Naval Veterans Association
Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada
Prisoners of War Association
Dutch Canadian Legion - Hamilton Branch
Contact Mariniers Canada - Royal Netherlands Marine Corps Veterans Association

Section No. 4

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 58 - with Band
Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 343 - Maccabees Branch
Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 315 - Polish Branch
Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 163 - Mt. Hamilton Branch
Korea Veterans Association
Canadian Airborne Forces Association
Hamilton Signals Association
23 (HAM) Service Battalion Association

5(a)

September 19th 2000

To: the Hamilton Veterans Committee

On behalf of my family I would like to thank the Veterans Committee & Staff for their beautiful floral arrangement in memory of my husband Mike. Your friendship & support has helped in coping with his passing. We have been overwhelmed with the tributes paid to him, & are truly grateful. A special thank you to Charlene, Carolyn & Betty Carter for their words of condolences at the Funeral Home.

Mike may be away, but he'll never be forgotten.

Once again our sincere thanks.

Ruby Roach & family.

ROBERT M. MORROW
MAYOR



5(b)

April 25, 2000

Dear Chairman and Members of the Veterans Committee:

I forward to you some information sent to me by Lieut. (Retired) Frank B. Volterman, EM about the possibility of a plaque being erected at some place that would be designated a Warrior's Garden and also could include other great battles that have included Hamiltonians over the decades.

I suspect that Mr. Volterman would be the best one to speak to you about what he and General Whittaker have in mind and you might want to contact them directly.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Morrow".

Robert M. Morrow
Mayor
City of Hamilton

RMM:lc



City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8P 4Y5
Telephone (905) 546-2790
Fax (905) 546-3165 TDD (905) 546-2448



RHLI MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

31 MARCH, 2000

His Worship
Robert M. Morrow
Mayor of Hamilton

Your Worship:

At the request of General Whitaker I agreed to serve on this committee. It was decided at one of our meetings that the City should not be expected to erect local monuments commemorating individual battle sites where the RHLI played a significant role. In response I volunteered to design a plaque commemorating the history of the Regiment from its inception.

My proposed plaque enclosed will not only serve to commemorate but perpetuate the history of Hamilton's most distinguished Regiment for generations to come. You will note it appropriately includes the City's Coat-Of-Arms and your unique caption 'Hamilton Remembers'.

To date written accounts of our history have only been available to serving members, former members and friends of the Regiment who attend a Mess dinner or other military function. With City councils acceptance it can become part of our community heritage for all to see.

I am deeply indebted to Captain Tim Fletcher, our PRO, who with his computer expertise has produced a masterpiece from my original sketch and historical account. Also enclosed are a selection of various monument designs. Our committee selected the free-standing concept for the plaques being dedicated at Woensdrecht, Holland, on May 4, 2000 and at Verrières, France on May 7, 2000.

In anticipation of a favourable response, I remain

Yours respectfully,

Lieut. (Retired) Frank B. Volterman, EM
26 Bruce Park Drive
Hamilton, Ontario
L9A 3G6
(905) 383-4976

PATRONS

His Worship
Robert MORROW

the Honourable
Lincoln ALEXANDER

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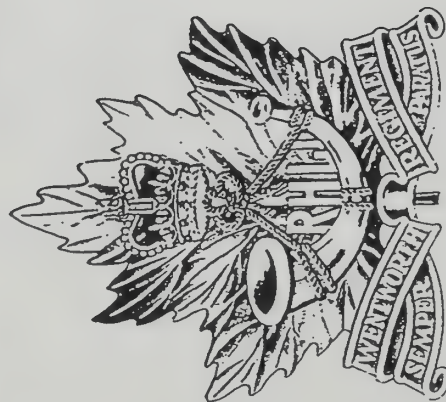
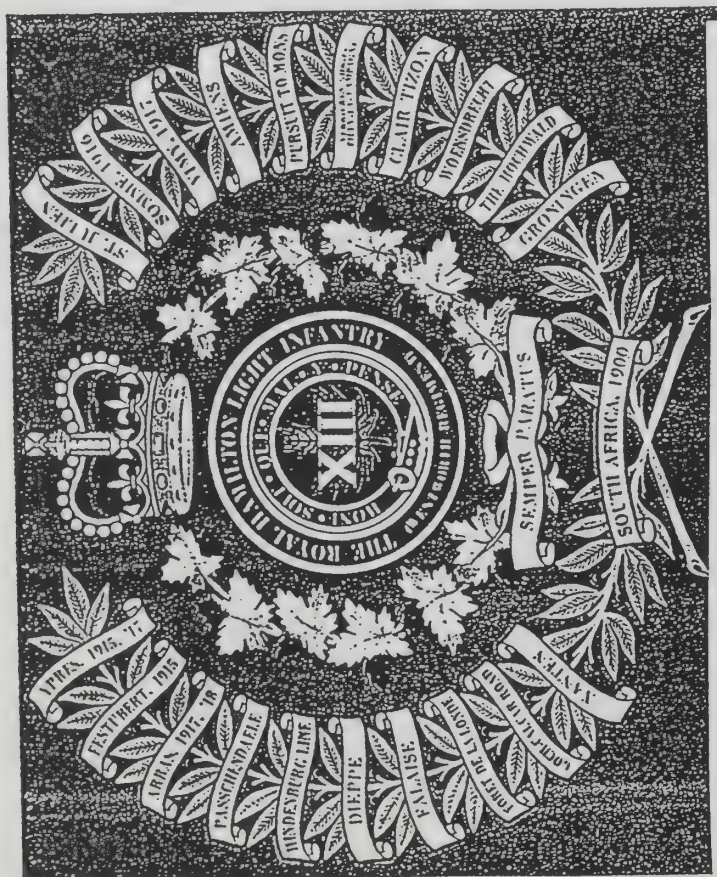
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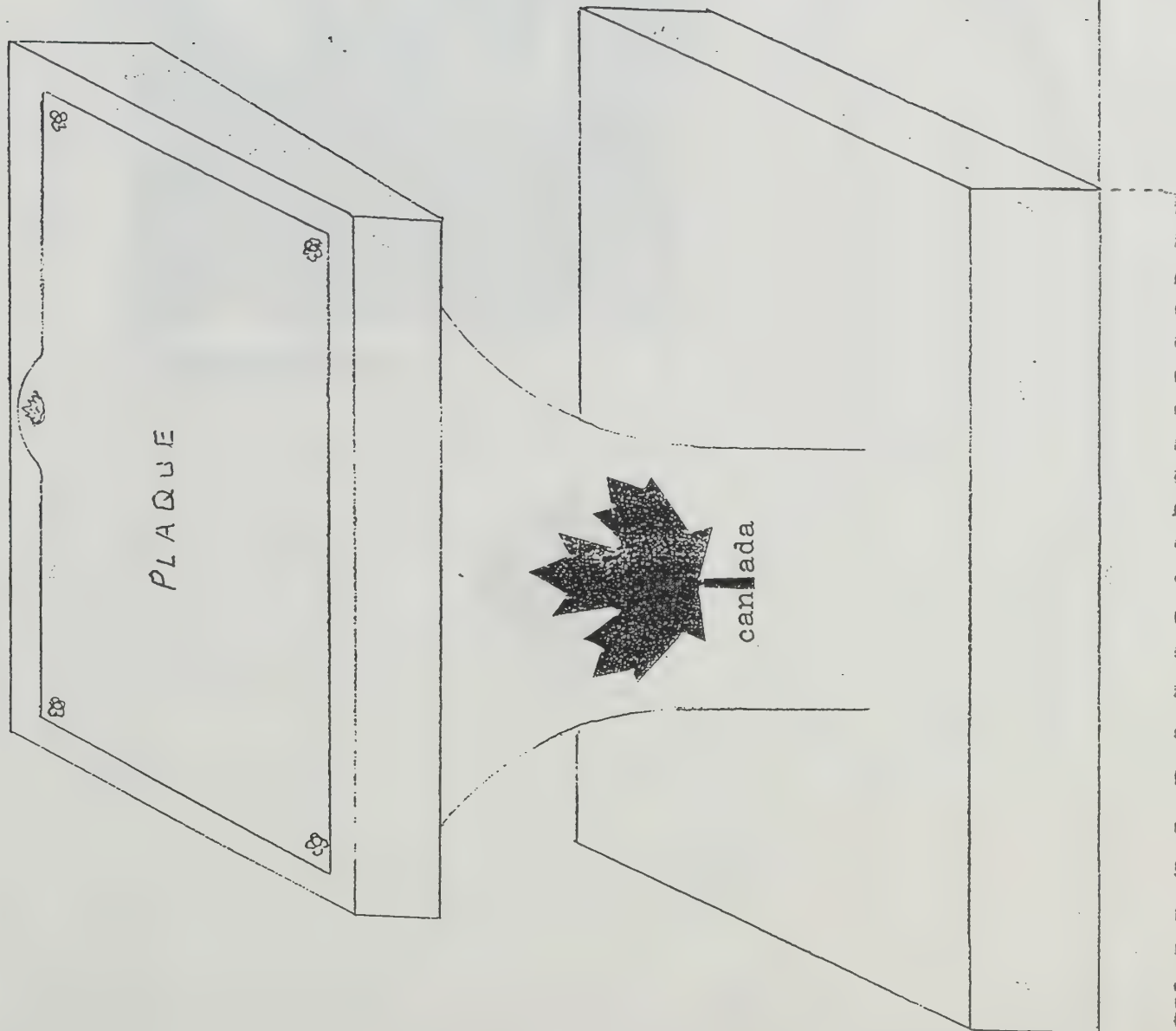
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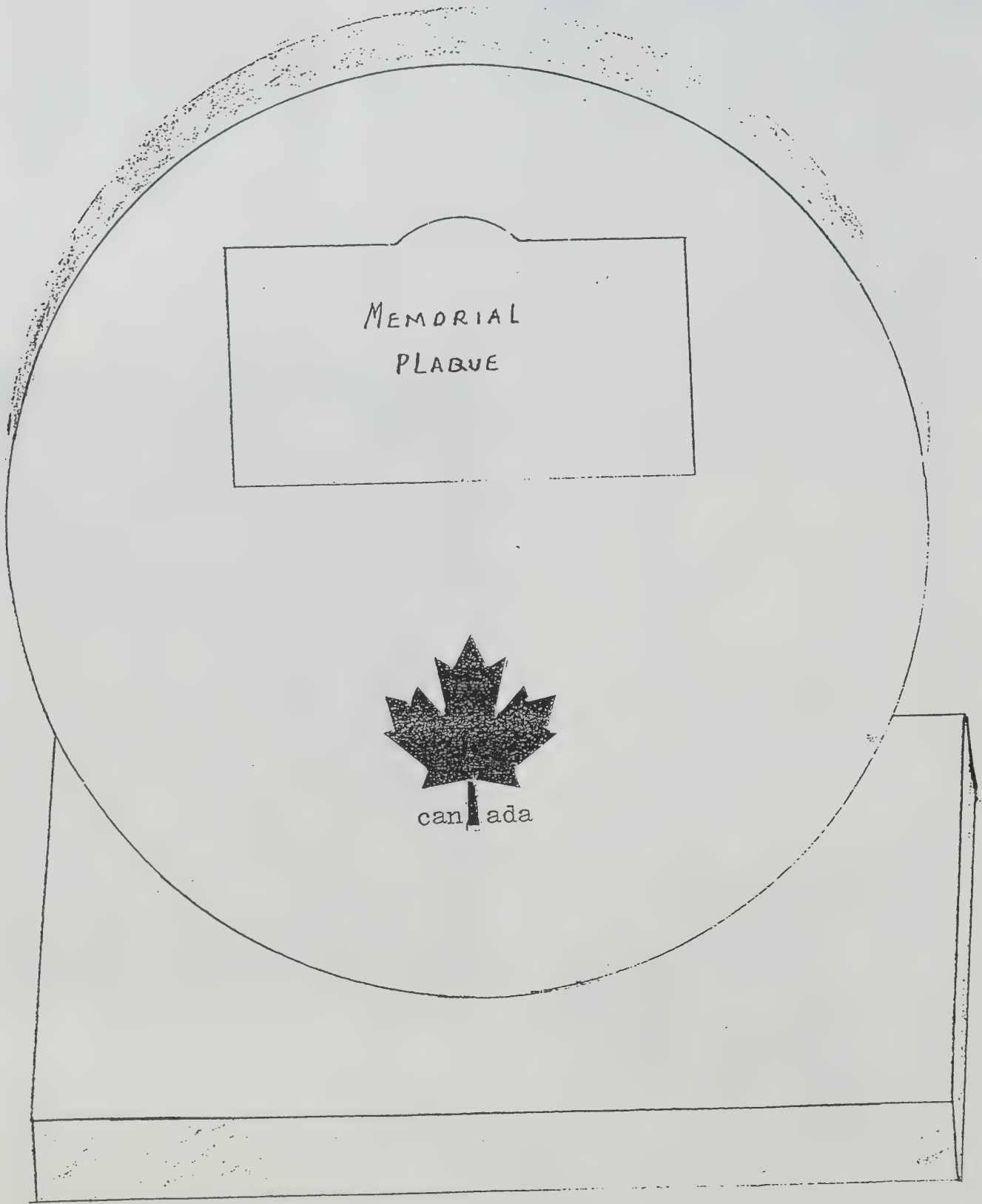
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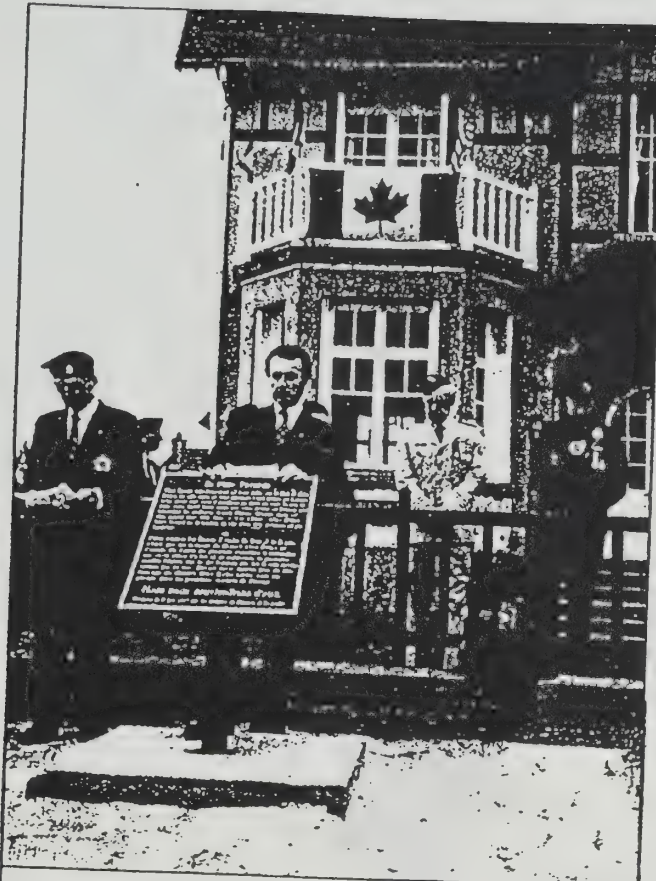




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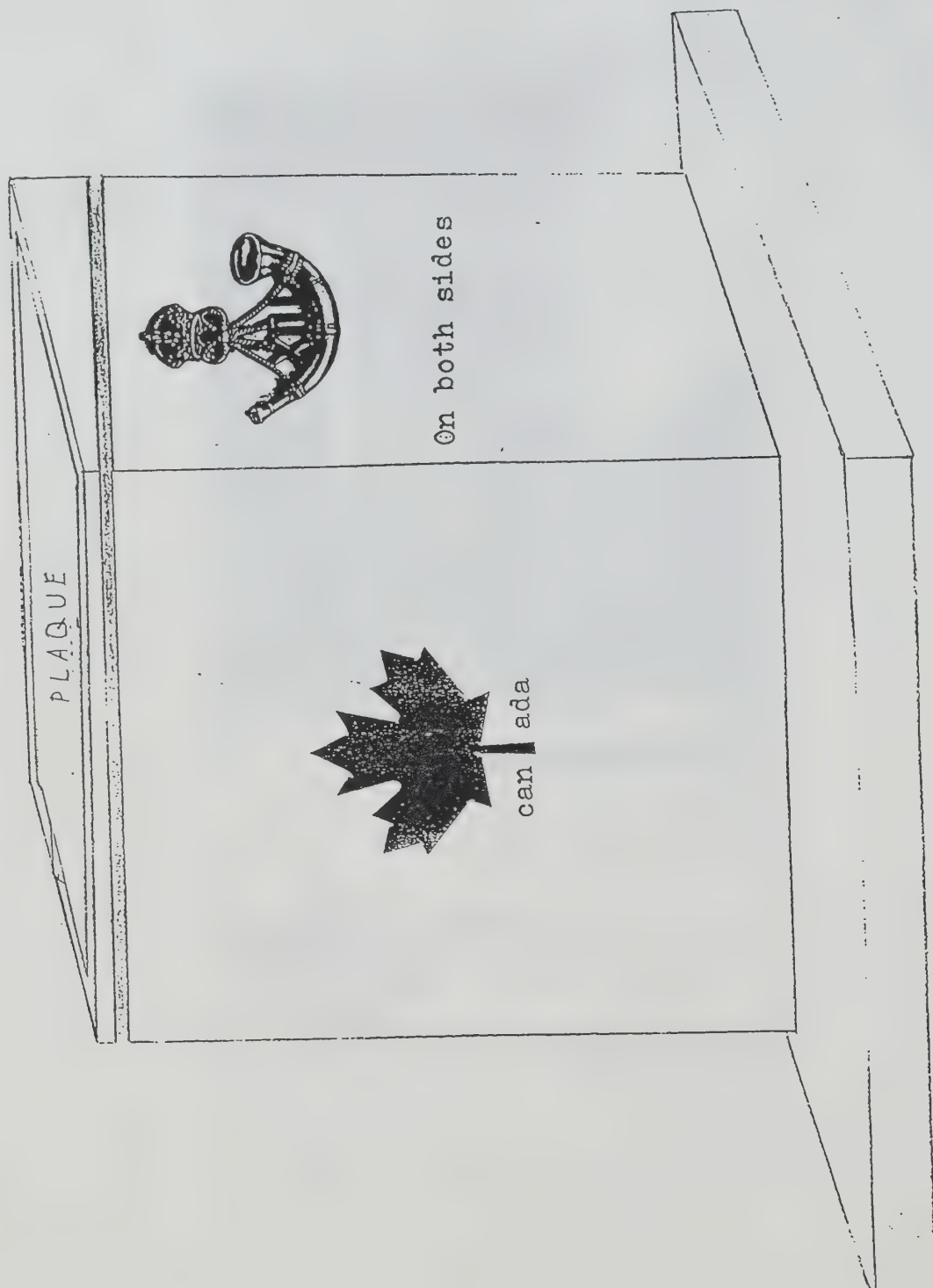
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2/2/22

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In late December my wife also contracted the Flu, and because of her poor health was hospitalized for 8 weeks. Davis passed away on March 4th.

Due to the limited space on a 8 1/2 x 11 sheet, it took three more revisions to complete my project.

Now in my 82nd year this was to be my last volunteer effort for the Regiment, and Davis determined to reach my goal.

At your convenience I would like to provide you more detail and answer any questions you would like answered.

Regards, Frank

Robert:

The following possible ammendments are only being considered should space permit. If so decided, will provide you with a computer print-out.

(1) Right hand column:

Consider deleting last para.
"A total of 39 battle...."

And amend as follows;

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, appointed H.R.H. The Prince Philip, Colonel-in- Chief of the RHLI(WR), as of July 15, 1978. 39 battle honours have been awarded by a grateful nation. 21 are emblazoned on the Regiments colours.

* (2) "We the citizens of Hamilton..." (Bottom of plaque)

Amend end of sentence to read:

"...will continue to serve our community and nation
in the new millennium, ever responding to its motto,
"Semper Paratus"- "Always Ready".

(Correction and added wording underlined)

* Personal suggestion only. City Council to provide own wording to this effect.

R.B.V olterman

7/11/00

P.S. Background of plaque to be coloured Hunter Green.

Memo

TO: Carolyn Biggs, Secretary
Hamilton Veterans Committee

FROM: Rick Zbucki, Manager
Hamilton Municipal Cemeteries

DATE: May 30, 2000

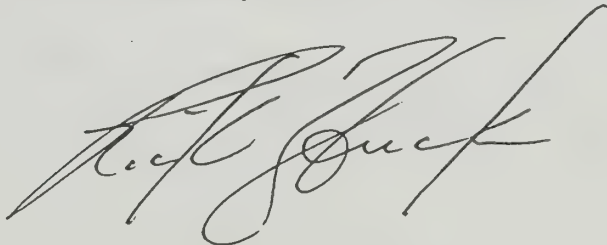
SUBJECT: Replacement of Veteran Aluminum Crosses

Enclosed is a copy of a quote I received from Johnson Matthey for the replacement of Aluminum crosses. As you will see, these items are quite expensive and there are no guarantees for breakage or loss.

Perhaps this item should be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Veterans Committee. Please let me know the particulars of the next meeting so that I may attend and address any concerns members may have.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

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May 26, 2000

Quote #102

Mr. Rick Zbucki,
Hamilton Municipal Cemeteries,
777 York Blvd.
Hamilton, Ontario
L8R 2A4

Dear Rick;

Further to our meeting last week, we take pleasure in quoting on your Veteran Aluminum Crosses as follows.

Veteran Aluminum Cross (17-1/2" wide x 40" high x 3/8" thick aluminum)

In an order qty. of 1 pc. -----	\$520.00
In an order qty. of 5 pcs. -----	\$305.00 each

Please allow 8 weeks for delivery.

Prices quoted are F.O.B. St. Catharines, all taxes extra.

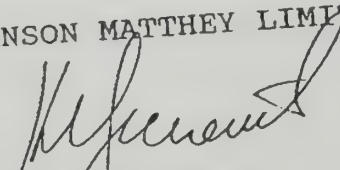
This quotation is valid for 60 days. Payment terms are net 30 days.

We trust the foregoing is of interest to you and we look forward to your valued purchase order.

We are,

Yours very truly,

JOHNSON MATTHEY LIMITED


K. Neureuther

General Manager
Precision Castings Division

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Johnson Matthey Limited

2000-12-28 3:11 CANADA

July 11/00

Chairman, Mr. Frank Caldwell,
Hamilton Veterans Committee,
City Hall.
Hamilton, Ont.

5(d)

Dear Sir:

It has come to our attention
that a park is to be named in honour
of servicemen killed in WW II.

Dieppe Park has been suggested but
we feel strongly that would not honour
all service men & women who gave their
lives.

Our suggestion would be Veterans Park
and a plaque, listing all the battles
in which they fought & died, suitably
placed.

We hope you will take our concerns
under consideration.

Yours respectfully,
Freda Little.

(Corresponding Secretary)

Please address any reply to our President.

Dorothy Simpson,
1324 Nevada Dr.,
Burlington, Ont.
L7R 3X5

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Chas. W. Smith
City of New York
New York, N.Y.

1911

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of New York, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Chas. W. Smith

Very truly,
Chas. W. Smith

1911

Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of May, 1911.



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